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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 940,000 head as of May 1, 2010. This latest inventory is up 1 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 145,000 head of fed cattle during April 2010. This was 24 percent below March 2010 marketings of 190,000 head, and 12 percent below a year ago. An estimated 170,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during April, 8 percent below a month ago but 13 percent above April 2009 placements of 150,000. Of the number placed in April, 18 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 21 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 26 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 35 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for April, at 15,000 head, was up 10,000 head from last month but no change from the same time last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on May 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.54 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 469,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 495,000. Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent below 2009. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during April, 29 percent above 2009.

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